



**Hundredth Legislature - First Session - 2007**  
**Committee Statement**  
**LB 25**

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**Hearing Date:** January 16, 2007  
**Committee On:** Agriculture

**Introducer(s):** (Langemeier, 23)  
**Title:** Change rabies control provisions to include hybrid animals

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**Roll Call Vote – Final Committee Action:**

- Advanced to General File
  - X Advanced to General File with Amendments
  - Indefinitely Postponed
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**Vote Results:**

8	Yes	Senators Karpisek, Preister, McDonald, Chambers, Dubas, Wallman, Dierks, and Erdman
	No	
	Present, not voting	
	Absent	

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**Proponents:**

Senator Chris Langemeier  
Tanja Katz  
Scott Tingelhoff  
Lisa Zentz

**Representing:**

Introducer, District 23  
The Nebraska Humane Society  
Saunders County Attorney, Village of Malmo  
Self

**Opponents:**

**Representing:**

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

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**Summary of purpose and/or changes:**

The substantive provision of LB 25 is found in section 3 which inserts a new section into a series of rabies control provisions of health statutes setting forth requirements for vaccination for rabies of hybrid animals. Specifically, section 3 provides as follows:

- Requires hybrid animals to be vaccinated with a “licensed vaccine determined scientifically to be reliable in preventing rabies in a hybrid animal” and initially vaccinated and revaccinated as specified in rule and regulation. Requires vaccination of previously unvaccinated hybrid animals within 30 days of arrival in the state.
  - Restricts sale of hybrid animal rabies vaccine to licensed veterinarians
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- Prohibits ownership of a hybrid animal if a vaccine determined scientifically reliable is not available. Possession of a hybrid animal owned prior to the effective date of the bill that would be in noncompliance may continue for the lesser of a period of one year or until transferred out-of-state, provided the animal is kept in adequate enclosure.

“Hybrid animal” is added as a defined term to §71-4401 by section 1 of the bill. Hybrid animal is defined to mean the product of the mating of a domestic animal (i.e. dogs and cats) with a nondomestic animal or the mating of a nondomestic animal with other species of animal.

Existing rule and regulation authorization currently contained as subsection (3) of §71-4402 is set out as a separate statute by Section 4 of the bill to avoid confinement of this authority only to domestic animals by its current placement. The remainder of the bill makes conforming changes throughout other rabies control provisions by incorporating new sections 3 & 4 into internal references and extending application of these section to hybrid animals.

**Explanation of amendments, if any:**

The committee amendment strikes a portion of the definition of “hybrid animal” to confine the definition only to animals that are a cross between domestic animals and non-domestic animals.

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**Senator Philip Erdman, Chairperson**